



## Senior School Term 1 Letter

Dear parents,

We have already had a fabulous start to the new school year and are looking forward to a term where personal and academic goals are reached, inquiring minds are nurtured and many happy friendships continue to be forged. We welcome a number of new families to Greythorn Primary and in particular to the senior school.

This letter outlines a few senior school routines, expectations and upcoming events.

**Senior school staff:** Level 6 - Janice Miller, Helen Karvela, Megan Stewart-North, Jen Gibson Level 5 - Alex Nitsos, Steve Pertz, Rachel Wallace, Caroline Eva (Mon, Tue, Wed), Christina Kondoleon (Thur, Fri)

**Punctuality:** Students are to arrive in their classroom at 8:50am every morning. Lessons commence at 9:00am.

**Absences:** Please ensure you log all absences on Compass.

**Parent/teacher discussions:** These will be in week 4 on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 February. Appointments can be made through Compass.

**School assembly:** Assembly is in the stadium at 9:00 am every Monday.

**Hats:** School hats are compulsory until the end of April including before and after school. Please ensure your child comes to school with their named hat each day.

**Rubbish free lunches:** In an endeavour to promote a clean school environment we would appreciate if students could have as little packaging on their food as possible.

**Tissues:** Please provide a box of tissues for use in the classroom. Thank you to the parents who have already provided this.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Friday 2 February

Canteen reopens for 2018

#### Friday 16 February

PFA BBQ & Twilight Market

#### Monday 26 February

District swimming competition

#### Wednesday 7 March

School photo day

#### Monday 12 March

Labour Day holiday

#### Tuesday 13 - 16 March

Year 6 Portsea camp

#### Wednesday 21 - 23 March

Year 5 Creswick camp

#### Thursday 29 March

End of term 1

#### Monday 16 April

Term 2 commences

[Click here for the 2018 - 2025 Victorian school term dates.](#)

#### Term 1 – 2018

Wednesday 31 January -  
Thursday 29 March

**Fruit snack:** As part of our health program, all students are encouraged to bring a piece of fresh fruit or some vegetables each day. This will be eaten in class as students continue working. This healthy snack is in addition to the normal recess snack.

**Student Planners:** These are to be brought to school every day as the students record important events, reading comments and when work is due. Please ensure that you sign your child's planner each week.

**Homework:** Students are to complete one Homework Contract per week. These are due in every Friday. Nightly reading is to be recorded in the student planner, with a brief comment outlining what they have read. Specialist teachers may request homework to be completed during the year. Additional homework will be recorded in the student planner.

**Uniform:** Students are to wear the correct school uniform at all times. If circumstances prevent your child from being in full school uniform please write a note or email their teacher. Sports uniform is to be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Physical Education/Sport:** Students have a weekly Phys Ed lesson with Miss Knell and a combined senior school sport session on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Students will be involved in either interschool sport (playing sport against a neighbouring school) or intraschool sport (an internal school sports program).

**English:** In reading workshop we are currently busy interviewing students about their reading habits and preferences. The skills which we will focus on this term are predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarising. In writing our main focus will be narrative pieces.

**Mathematics:** The students in the senior school will continue to be involved in differentiated activities. Students will engage in whole class and small group instruction. This term there will be a particular focus on number and place value, rounding and estimating.

**Humanities:** The first 2 weeks of the term have been spent on the whole school inquiry 'Learning to Learn'. This will be followed by an Australian history unit.

**Science:** The science topic this term is 'Earth and Space'. Students will learn about the solar system and geological changes.



## 2018 Student Leaders

### School Captains

Sienna M & Jack F

### Music Leaders

Selina C & Byron Z

### Visual Arts Leaders

Natalie T & Arthur L

### Library Leaders

Shreya K & Olivia D

### French Leaders

Charlie R & Timothy S

### Social Service Leaders

Gabrielle G & Akio W

### Environment Leaders

Nikita P & Max B

### Wellbeing Leaders

Lauren B & Ila S

### Science Leaders

Lily B & David T

### EAL Leader

Apple Q

### House Leaders:

#### Allen Captains

Tammy W & Cooper G

#### Allen Vice Captains

Chloe C & Blake K

#### Wright Captains

Zara P & Cooper R

#### Wright Vice Captains

Eve S & Luca A

#### Woods Captains

Emily W & James K

#### Woods Vice Captains

Afrina F & Hugh W

#### Gardiner Captains

Charlotte R & Archer N

#### Gardiner Vice Captains

Isabella A & Matt D

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